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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q76307

Hiromichi ITOH

Confirmation No.: 5947

Appln. No.: 10/607,208

Group Art Unit: 3654

Filed: June 27, 2003

Examiner: John Quoc Nguyen

For: CUTTING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING BELTLIKE MATERIAL

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement dated June 15, 2004, Applicant elects Species II, Figure 4 for examination on which claims 12, 14-15 and 19-21 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 13, 16-18 and 22 (Species I).

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

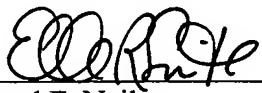
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